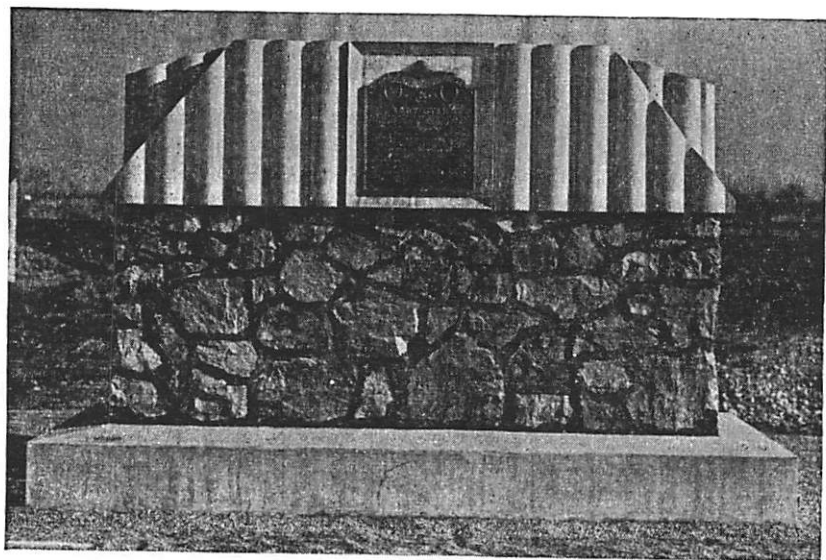


Marker Number Twenty-Two
FORT UTAH
Lake View, Utah
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"The original settlement at Provo, Fort Utah, was established March 12, 1849, President John S. Higbee, with Isaac Higbee and Dimick B. Huntington, counselors, and about 30 families or 150 persons sent from Salt Lake City by President Brigham Young. Several log houses were erected, surrounded by a 14-foot palisade 20x40 rods in size, with gates in the east and west ends, and a middle deck, for a cannon. The fort was first located west of town, but was moved in April, 1850, to Sowiette Park."—(Marker Inscription)

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Soon after the pioneers located in Great Salt Lake City in 1847, Brigham Young, the Mormon leader and colonizer, sent a company of men under the direction of Parley P. Pratt to explore the country south, with the thought of future colonization. This expedition explored a great amount of territory including the Utah Lake and the valleys surrounding it.

The number of people in Salt Lake City increased rapidly due to the arrival of Latter-day Saints from Winter Quarters and President Young began to put into effect his plan of colonization. In March, 1849, John S. Higbee, who had accompanied Parley P. Pratt on his tours of exploration, was called by President Young to form a settlement on Provo River in Utah Valley, and about thirty families, numbering nearly 150 souls set out under Higbee to make a new home.

The little company took with them food, seeds, a few implements, cows, oxen, and a few horses. It took three days' travel from Salt Lake City to the Provo River which they reached March 12, 1849.